NTPC power plants in Bihar

1199. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the extent of progress in setting up of two NTPC power plants for which foundations was laid by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in Barh and Tandwa in Bihar;

(b) whether the process of land acquisition has been completed for the said two projects;

(c) what are the reasons for the delay, if any; and

(d) whether the State Government has rendered full cooperation in the execution of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The progress in respect of Barh Super Thermal Power Project (1980 MW) and North Karanpura Super Power Project (1980 MW) in Bihar, for which foundations were laid by Hon'ble Prime Minister is as follows:

A. Barh super Thermal Power Project (1980 MW)

Land for the plant, township and ash disposal area has been identified and "in principle" commitment for land and water obtained from the State Government. First stage site clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forests (MOE&F) is available. Ministry of Coal has accorded 'in principle' coal linkage ratified by SLC to the project. Feasibility Report for the project has been submitted to Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for techno-economic appraisal.

Land acquisition papers for the project are under verification by District Land Acquisition Officer for notification under Section 4(1) of Land Acquisition Act. State Revenue Authority has been requested to expedite land acquisition process for the project.

B. North Karanpura Super Thermal Power Project (1980 MW).

'In principle' commitment in respect of land and water is available from the State Government. Ministry of Coal has accorded 'In principle' coal linkage ratified by SLC, to the project. Site specific studies for preparation of Feasibility Report are progressing.

(d) Government of Bihar has provided necessary cooperation and

support in getting required clearances for availability of land and water etc. The State Government has also agreed to construct a dam on river Garhi, a tributary of Damodar river, to meet water requirement for the project. The State Government has been requested to take up construction of the dam matching the project schedule.

Power projects in Bihar

†1200. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up new power projects in the country particularly in Bihar, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what are the details of the power projects approved by the Government during Ninth Plan; and

(c) whether any effective measures are being taken or contemplated by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) As on 30.6.2000, twenty four proposals with a total capacity of 9136.46 MW were under examination by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for grant of techno-economic clearance (TEC). In so far as Bihar State is concerned, a proposal for setting up of a super thermal power plant at Barh by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) (3×660 MW) in Central Sector is under consideration for grant of TEC.

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